

ITALIAN GUNS
ROAR DEFIANCE

As the Germans Prepare to Start General Engagement on the Piave

DEFENDERS ARE ENTRENCHED STRONGLY

Precautionary Measures to Protect Venice from the Long-Range Guns

Headquarters in northern Italy, Monday, Nov. 12 (By Associated Press).—Heavy and continuous bombardment is proceeding along the lower Piave river, marking the opening of extensive operations on this line. Whether a general engagement is imminent depends largely on the enemy, as the Italians are now entrenched behind the river and fighting defensive tactics.

No longer is the secret made that the Piave is the line of defense, to which the supreme command has been bending its energies steadily for the last ten days. Precautionary measures to protect Venice continue lest the enemy, whose long-range guns are not far off, should attempt to bombard the famous art center.

TEUTONS WIN.

Are Reported to Have Captured Fonzaso and Mont Longara.

SIEGFRIED LINE WAS PENETRATED

By the Capture of Crest of Chemin Des Dames by the French, Says Secretary Baker.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 13.—The effect of Germany's political offensives against Russia and Italy upon the task ahead of the allies is recognized in Secretary Baker's weekly review of military operations.

"Close interrelation of events on all the fronts cannot be too frequently emphasized," says the review. "The political situation in Russia has made it possible for the enemy to detach important contingents in the east, which were speedily transported to the Italian front. It is not unlikely that before initiating a powerful drive against the Italians, the enemy made painstaking attempts to undermine their morale."

"During the week, both British and French made significant tactical gains, the culmination of a long series of offensives. With Passchendaele securely in British hands, the first stage of operations begun in September is successfully concluded.

"The French counterpart of British successes reached its climax when they were able to entangle the German lines along the crest of Chemin Des Dames. For three years the presence of the enemy on this ridge has been a source of anxiety to the French, and to dislodge them was the principal objective of repeated offensives. The French advance means the penetration of the fortified Siegfried line, hitherto considered by the enemy to be impregnable."

"In the sector where a small detachment of our troops had taken their places in the trenches as part of their training, the enemy, for reconnaissance, executed a well planned raid and temporarily penetrated a short segment, inflicting a few casualties and taking prisoners."

IRON DISCIPLINE KEEPS GERMAN TOGETHER

Prisoners' Statements Indicate Increasing Disorganization—Officers Run Before Canadian Attack.

Canadian army headquarters in France, Nov. 13.—Increasing disorganization among the enemy forces is indicated in statements made by captured prisoners, while decline in the morale of the officers is unquestioned. One officer states that when we attacked on Saturday all the officers in his battalion ran back to shelter, some 300 yards behind the front line, leaving the warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men to carry on. In another instance no less than 11 officers were captured in one dugout during our advance.

OLD ORGANIZATIONS TO BE WIPED OUT

1st Vermont Infantry Is to Be Merged in General Consolidation of National Guards.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 13.—Detailed description of the organization of National Guard units, showing just what consolidations had been effected to make up new European standard regiments were published to-day by the war department. A typical case of the consolidation of the old units is the 103d machine gun battalion, 32d infantry brigade, and 26th division. The tables show it is composed of the old Rhode Island cavalry squadron, less two troops, the old New Hampshire Machine Gun company, the officers and 229 men of the 1st Vermont Infantry and a number of reserve officers.

LIBERTY BONDS HIT LOW.

The New 4 Per Cent Issue Fell on New York Stock Exchange.

New York, Nov. 13.—Liberty loan four per cent bonds made a new low record on the Stock Exchange to-day, one \$10,000 lot selling at \$990.

PROF. APPELMANN
BACK TO VATERLAND

Storm Center of Anti-American Charges Resigns from University of Vermont and Gets Safe Conduct Home.

Burlington, Nov. 13.—Prof. Anton H. Appellmann, a German subject although having taken out first citizenship papers in the United States, about whose continued service on the faculty of the University of Vermont there has been a big protest during the past year and a half, or since his alleged anti-American attitude was investigated, has resigned, the resignation to take effect at once. In relinquishing the chair of the German philosophy in the university, he is going to Germany, having been granted a safe conduct by the state department, and, as he says, he hopes to get work in the detention camps where Germany keeps her prisoners, although there is a possibility that he may be drafted for military service.

Prof. Appellmann has been on the faculty of the University of Vermont for five years, having come from Harvard where he was engaged in lecturing. He came to the United States in 1912 and returned to Germany in the early summer of 1914, planning, as he says, to close up his affairs there and return to the United States with the purpose of becoming an American citizen. While he was completing his plans there he was broken out but, on permission of the German government, he was allowed to return to the United States. It was at the University of Vermont commencement in 1915 that the storm over his presence on the faculty broke forth, the alumni appointing a committee to investigate his alleged anti-Americanism. This committee reported by exonerating Prof. Appellmann, but the chairman of the committee, Attorney H. C. Shaw of this city, put in a minority report, claiming that the charges were sustained.

Prof. Appellmann's resignation accepted at commencement last June re-elected him to the faculty. So he continued on the faculty and began the college year last month. A week ago, however, there came a message from the Swiss legation in Washington, saying that permission had been granted him to return to Germany if he desired.

Prof. Appellmann accepted and will leave the city to-day or to-morrow.

AGAIN VERMONT SURPASSES.

This Time Goes By the Second Mark Set in Food Pledge Campaign.

On Wednesday, Nov. 7, the national food administration telegraphed the campaign manager of the food pledge card campaign, "Look for total of over sixty thousand family enrollments in your state. Vermont is doing a fine job."

The figures from the counties are as follows:

County	Minimum	Maximum
Rutland	7,753	92
Windward	7,580	89
Chittenden	7,316	83
Franklin	6,813	77
Washington	6,000	69
Caledonia	5,375	67
Orleans	4,600	64
Windham	3,933	62
Orange	3,440	61
Bennington	3,011	55
Lamoille	1,890	53
Essex	880	50
Grand Isle	90	50
Cards sent to food administrator	1,246	
Total	63,261	

BOY SHOT TWO DOES.

Thought First Had Horns and Supposed He Was Firing at Same Target Again.

Brattleboro, Nov. 13.—County Game Warden E. H. Metcalf received yesterday a report of the killing of two does by David Houghton, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Houghton of Putney. With three shots, the boy killed both deer, not knowing at the time that he was violating the law. The family was on the way to Brattleboro when the deer was discovered on a hillside and the lad left the automobile to try his luck.

He said that he mistook a doe's ears for short horns and fired. After ejecting the empty shell he looked up again and saw a deer running away. Thinking that it was the deer which he shot at first he blazed away twice more and the deer fell. On arriving at the spot he was surprised to find that he had not only killed two deer but that both were does.

PUBLICITY NOT DESIRED.

Waterbury Testatrix Made Unusual Provision in Will.

A peculiar request was uncovered in Washington county probate court to-day when the will of Nettie E. Moody, late of Waterbury, was probated. In the will the testatrix makes the stipulation that nothing about the will be given out to the newspapers. C. C. Graves was named as executor.

The hearings on the petition of the town of Berlin for commitment of George Parsons to the insane asylum has been postponed indefinitely at the request of the state of the plaintiff being suggested by Burlington attorneys and his address unknown. This afternoon the case of Vermont Fruit Co. vs. O. H. Wilson and trustee was argued.

Two Deaths.

KERENSKY WINS
PART OF CAPITAL

His Troops Control Sections of Petrograd, Including Nevsky Prospekt

BEATEN BOLSHEVIKI SEEKING REFUGE

Another Report Says That Gen. Korniloff Is Supported by Garrison

Copenhagen, Nov. 13.—Premier Kerensky's troops are in control of part of Petrograd, especially Nevsky Prospekt, according to a telegram received by the Stockholm news agency and forwarded to Copenhagen. The Bolsheviks are said to have taken refuge in Smolny institute. While he was completing his plans there he was broken out but, on permission of the German government, he was allowed to return to the United States. It was at the University of Vermont commencement in 1915 that the storm over his presence on the faculty broke forth, the alumni appointing a committee to investigate his alleged anti-Americanism. This committee reported by exonerating Prof. Appellmann, but the chairman of the committee, Attorney H. C. Shaw of this city, put in a minority report, claiming that the charges were sustained.

Stockholm, Nov. 13.—General Korniloff has entered Petrograd where the entire garrison except the sailors went over to his side, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Social Demokrat, under Monday's date.

Petrograd, Nov. 13.—The employees of the official Russian Telegraph agency have gone on a strike. They refuse to transmit the Bolshevik propaganda.

KERENSKY DEFEATED?

Bolshevik Reported Successful Against Him and Korniloff.

London, Nov. 13.—The complete defeat of Premier Kerensky and General Korniloff is announced in a Russian communication received here by wireless.

TROOP TRAIN WRECKED;
3 SOLDIERS DEAD, 16 HURT

Infantry, East-Bound from Utah, in Rear-End Collision at Coto-paxi, Col.

Denver, Col., Nov. 13.—Three soldiers were killed and sixteen injured yesterday in a wreck of a troop train near Coto-paxi, Col., according to a message received at the Denver & Rio Grande railroad offices here. The troops were traveling east from Utah.

The accident occurred shortly before 6 o'clock yesterday morning. It was a rear-end collision between sections 2 and 3 of a train carrying troops. The conductor of the second section reported his train was traveling slowly when the third section, moving twenty-five miles an hour, overtook his section. Most of the troops were infantry from Salt Lake City. Coto-paxi is seventy-two miles west of Pueblo.

ENTRIES IN SUPREME COURT

Which Materially Change the Setting of Cases.

Several entries were made in Vermont supreme court this morning which materially affected the setting of the cases which will be argued this term; so attorneys will again need to watch the docket. Clerk Moody this morning, for the benefit of the court, stated that he sent each attorney Friday a statement of the cases that were to be argued.

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This morning the arguments in the Franklin county case of E. K. Smith vs. E. H. and S. H. Martin occurred. In the forenoon a verdict for \$4,200.00 was recovered for the plaintiff. The case has been dragging along between the county and supreme courts since 1912 and finally reached the court for argument this morning. The defendant excepted to the verdict and upon a motion for close jail execution the court found, according to the entry on the docket, "that the action arose from willful and malicious acts of the defendants and that they ought to be confined in close jail." The plaintiff, who was a bookkeeper for the defendants, later became a partner and claimed the defendants misrepresented the status of the business.

The following entries were made: Franklin county, Cohen vs. Twigg, settled; Rutland county, Connell vs. Connell, petition to annul marriage, hearing, probably a settlement; Chittenden county, Burlington Drug Co. vs. Wallingford Cash Store Co. and Heddon vs. Cashman, to be submitted on briefs; White vs. White, death of plaintiff suggested; no hearing, placed with the court; Hill vs. Traction company, no hearing; Gilbo & Swartz vs. Estate of Anna Merrill and Powell vs. Merrill, stipulations to be filed for hearing at Rutland, with the court; Kennell & Son vs. Champlain Transportation Co., continued; Bennington county, in regard to state of A. J. Barron, continued; Windham county, Cutler company vs. H. G. Barber, stipulated to Rutland; railroad companies vs. Clark and Vermont National bank, continued.

In the Chittenden county court case of Smith vs. Reynolds no hearing will take place while there is a motion for an affirmed judgment in the case of Duprat vs. Chesmore; the defendant obtained a verdict in the lower court. In the case of Gratton vs. State Auditor the entry of continued was made, the absence from the state of the plaintiff being suggested by Burlington attorneys and his address unknown. This afternoon the case of Vermont Fruit Co. vs. O. H. Wilson and trustee was argued.

Two Deaths.

In American Forces, One Accidental, One from Disease.

Washington, Nov. 13.—Two members of the American fighting forces not on the battle line, were reported in a casualty list yesterday.

Seaman Andrew M. Halseth of the transport service, died Nov. 3 from concussion of the brain suffered in a fall from a hammock. He was a naval volunteer from Minnesota.

Private Emil Galis of General Pershing's forces, died Nov. 3 from bronchopneumonia. His mother, Mrs. Galis, lives at 11 Blossom street, Chelsea, Mass.

ELDERLY MAN SENTENCED.

J. H. Merrill Gets a Year in the State's Prison.

J. H. Merrill and George Long were sentenced in Washington county court yesterday afternoon and it looks as though the adjournment of court will take place Wednesday afternoon. It was thought Monday afternoon that adjournment might take place this afternoon, but the Frattini-Zanoni case was tried instead of a settlement taking place, which prolonged the session a day.

Merrill, who some days since pleaded guilty to adultery with a feeble-minded girl at the poor farm in Northfield, was given not less than one year nor more than two in the state's prison. C. A. Smith, deputy probation officer, investigating the affair, and reported in writing, recommending probation, but the court's version of the affair did not tally with the report and Merrill will go to prison. He is 74 years of age.

George Long, aged 38, was given not less than a year nor more than two in the house of correction, and was fined \$1 and costs. A. C. Theriault, for W. A. Lord, appeared for the respondent, asking for leniency because Long had been but a short time in this country and suggested the house of correction sentence. Relative to the matter, State's Attorney E. R. Davis stated the investigation shows that he took a ring from the C. E. Demerit home, where he was employed, in addition to forging a check drawn from Dr. Demerit.

No trial will take place in the case of Ward Lumber company against William Lathrop, general assumpsit. In the case of G. G. Finn and C. C. Catto, petition to set aside the judgment of Barre city court, the petition was dismissed.

In the lower court the judgment turned was about \$70 in favor of Catto who was the plaintiff against Pinard in the city court. In giving the decision, Judge Slack explained at considerable length the reaching of the decision in the matter, which resulted in the explanation that the petition should have been brought in the court in which the case was tried instead of in county court. The case will go to supreme court upon exceptions.

The remainder of Monday afternoon was occupied with the presentation of testimony in the case of Angie Flora Frattini vs. Mario Zanoni, bastardy, in which R. A. Hoar and J. G. Frattini are the attorneys. Efforts at settlement had been made even as late as during the earlier part of the afternoon preceding the trial. The presentation of evidence in the case was completed this morning.

C. J. Adams of Waterbury appeared in court to-day, asking that a decree be entered in the two cases of Eva Passer vs. John Abair, foreclosure, and J. J. Flynn vs. Clifton Parkman and wife, short foreclosure, in which the redemption period fixed was 30 days.

Arguments were made to-day in the case of Anselmo Stefanizzi vs. the Italian Mutual Benefit society, as also a petition for the discharge of a receiver for Charles Bianchi. The case of Simeon Swerdger vs. Harlow Folsom was entered as settled and discontinued. In the case of Helen Brown vs. W. E. Jackson and trustees a judgment for the plaintiff as per stipulation was entered.

Three insurance companies have brought suit against Joseph G. Brown as insurance commissioner in cases growing out of attempts to collect license fees, the petitioners being the American Casualty Co., the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. and the United States Fidelity & Dept. Co.

Traction Receivership Asked.

A hearing will take place Nov. 20 at the Washington county court house in the matter of the Receivership of the Barre and Montpelier Traction & Power company. Judge L. P. Slack having signed the bill in chancery yesterday. Coming as it does on top of a statement made a few days ago by H. T. Sands that he was progressing finely with the assurance of the bondholders that they were agreeable to the new issue of bonds under the new franchise, it was a surprise at the offices of the Tenney company, which manages the affairs of the above corporation.

The suit is brought in the name of Henry M. Davitt of Chicago, alleging that the bonds due Nov. 1 have been defaulted by the bondholders that they foreclosed and that a short day be named for the hearing Tuesday. The bonds amount to \$100,000 and interest is at five per cent. Mr. Davitt owns \$500 of bonds left him by his father, T. J. Davitt. When he sent the collection to the trust company for his money the report was "no funds." The bonds were issued 20 years ago and Nov. 1, 1917. The bill was served upon H. D. Larabee, clerk of the company, yesterday afternoon. J. J. Flynn of Burlington is set up as one of the principal owners of the company. The mortgage covers everything in the name of the corporation, including the ball park, Benjamin Falls and Dewey park. The bill also sets up that Montpelier is indebted to the amount of \$6,000 for the construction of the Rialto bridge. The road was built in 1897 by J. J. Flynn, E. C. Kennedy, A. O. Humphrey and P. S. Piereson of Burlington.

CHEERFUL LETTER HOME.

Private Lee Maiden of Barre Tells of Arrival Over There.

Mrs. J. R. Maiden of Church street has received from her son, Private Lee Maiden of the American expeditionary forces, a letter describing his passage over the Atlantic. Private Maiden was a student at Spaulding high school when the war broke out and enlisted in the state National Guard. He writes as follows:

Dear Mother: This is the first chance I have had to write, or I would have written earlier. Now, I don't want you to worry, as I am all right and in the best of health. Just keep smiling and patient and all will be well. We had a good passage over with very little rough weather. I was among the few on board who were not sea sick on my first day out. I was lucky enough to get my hat overboard, and now have to wear a red cross helmet—not a steel helmet, but a woolen one. It covers the head like a toque. I am writing this on the ship and have only 15 minutes in which to mail it. When we land I'll write you a long letter, telling all I am allowed to. All letters are censored, of course, so it is impossible to say all one would wish. But just remember, mother, that I am all right and don't worry. Remember me to all my friends and tell them to write once in a while. Lots of love to you and Hazel and Bill and the rest. Tell Bill I'll write as soon as I can.

Your loving son, Lee. Vt.

LABOR SEEKS
CONFERENCE

On the Dispute Over Open Shop at Quincy, Mass.

ASK PRESIDENT FOR TWO HOURS

Work on a Destroyer Plant Is Being Held Up

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 13.—The building trades council of the American Federation of Labor to-day sent a message to President Wilson, asking for a two hours' conference to discuss the situation at Quincy, Mass., where work is being held up on the destroyer plant. The Quincy strike involves the question of an open shop and a settlement there, it was said, would pave the way to a speedy adjustment elsewhere.

WANTS TO LICK MEXICO.

After Doing a Thorough Job with Germany.

Under date of Oct. 28, a letter received by Mrs. Henry L. Nixon of Barre, R. D. 1, brings information from her son, Private Allen Nixon, who is with the American expeditionary forces overseas. Private Nixon, who enlisted in C company last summer, writes as follows:

Dear mother and father: I haven't had time to write before, as I've been so busy, believe me. We had quite a pleasant trip across, although I was a little sea sick. I hope this finds you all well, with everything going on smoothly. England is an awfully pretty place with its quaint old buildings, built all of brick or stone, and nearly all alike. The streets of the cities, too, are all laid out in squares, and the country roads lined with hedges. Is colder here, tho', than it is in America, I think, and it rains often.

The boys are all here and all in health and in fine trim. We can none of us reach Berlin too soon because we want to come back and help lick the backbone out of Mexico. So we've got to fight the Germans and finish them quick, if they'll let us, so we can have a hand at Mexico. You may write to me at the following address:

Then I'll receive it sometime, a month later, probably, so hurry up and send me a word. I have a slight cold at present, and of course it makes me feel a little "off," but I expect to feel better soon. A lot of love to Dad, Lona, Tina and yourself, and I hope you are all well.

Your loving son, Allan.

P. S. The boys folks sent, the captain and lieutenants etc.

THE BARRE CAMPAIGN.

Will Be Started with Enthusiasm Tomorrow.

Apparently nothing has been left undone to insure an effective canvass in Barre to-morrow, when the national campaign for \$35,000,000 to further the work of the war Y. M. C. A. begins. The chairman and other officers of the Barre organization are perfecting plans for the big drive, and the city has been so divided into districts as to enable everyone to greet the canvassers with a smile and a liberal donation. To-night at the Spaulding assembly hall John Bartholomew, who has lately been doing relief work in the prison camps of Austria and Russia, will address the chairman, the canvassers and all others who are interested in the "Red Triangle" work. The invitation is extended to the general public, and the speakers as well as those who are to conduct the canvass to-morrow will be greatly heartened by the presence of a large audience.

To-morrow morning C. Howard Ellenwood, lately a Y. M. C. A. secretary at Camp Bartlett, Westfield, Mass., and a man who was on familiar terms with the Vermonters encamped there, will address the students at Spaulding high school. In the evening the canvassers will meet at city hall to file their returns.

SOME PUBLIC REQUESTS.

Were Made by Charles H. Pratt to Unitarian Society There.

Brattleboro, Nov. 13.—The will of the late Charles H. Pratt, president of the Vermont Savings bank, was filed for probate yesterday afternoon. Besides making a number of private bequests, Mr. Pratt leaves \$5,000 to the Unitarian society, of which he was one of the prominent members, for general church purposes; \$2,500 for the maintenance of the parish house and the residue, which will amount to several thousand dollars, to the society for general purposes.

GOING TO CHARLOTTE.

51st Depot Brigade Under Brig. Gen. Sweetser Ordered There.

Boston, Nov. 13.—It was announced yesterday at the northeastern department headquarters that 3,400 men of the 51st depot brigade, under Brig. Gen. E. Leroy Sweetser, will go to Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C. The men will be taken from Camp Bartlett at Westfield, Camp McGuiness at Framingham and Camp Yale.

RUTLAND MAN WOUNDED.

George Field Was with the Canadian Contingent.

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—To-day's Canadian casualty list includes among the wounded, George Field of Rutland.

Vermonters Wounded in France.

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—The following casualties with the Canadian forces in France were reported yesterday: Wounded William Cassidy, Derby Center, Vt.; A. G. Williamson, Newport, a lady and his inside."

VERMONT URGED TO
AID Y. M. C. A. WORK

Prominent Speakers Tell What Has Already Been Accomplished in Many Armies in Europe.

The Y. M. C. A. campaign in the state was opened Monday evening at Montpelier when Marshall Bartholomew, who has spent most of the time since the war commenced in the work in Russia, and J. C. Kichener of the National Y. M. C. A. forces, spoke to some 60 of the business men of the state in the reception room of the State House. Among those attending were Senators W. P. Dillingham and Carroll S. Page, and Gov. H. F. Graham. The meeting was presided over by James Hartness of Springfield, who left on the night train, in company with John Cushing, for Washington, D. C., on this campaign and the food administration.

Mr. Kichener gave a splendid address upon the Y. M. C. A. and its work, and explained what the morale of the army means in this fight, but it was the remarks of Mr. Bartholomew that gripped the hearts of every man listening to his story as he told of the things that have to be stood by the soldiers in France and Russia. He was a music composer in Germany when the war broke out. He went into the Y. M. C. A. work in Russia, where he was two years. He told of the things that have been done there and are going to be accomplished by the Y. M. C. A. He said that Russia, although she has lost 6,000,000 of the 13,000,000 soldiers she has put into the field, is coming back and just how soon that will be depends upon their army leaders and the work that the Y. M. C. A. can do. They have tried out the work there and have found that where the Y. M. C. A. work has been done the soldiers are solid in the fight.

At present he said their army is putty, but people can look for lots of fighting out of that army yet. In order to do this the "Red Triangle" must have money, for 300 secretaries are needed now in Russia and they are going to be sent there. The Russian people think more of the Americans than they do of any other nation. They have been under oppression for centuries and, coming into the light as they have, it is wonderful what they are doing, and they will get into the light again.

He told how the Y. M. C. A. is running hotels and restaurants in France. The food of France is good, but the American does not like it. French wine is all right for Frenchmen, because they know how to drink it, but the American soldier does not. Again, to take care of the American soldier, it is necessary that this big fund be raised. It should be \$50,000,000 and the effort will be made to get that sum instead of the one originally decided upon. The break which has taken place in Italy and Russia will prolong the war, it is conceded by all who know anything about the conditions.

He praised the "Tommy" for the way they take care of their prisoners, and predicted that with the growing shortage of food supplies in Germany, the prisoners of food will go lightest. The work is still being carried on in Germany, but by Danish and Swiss men representing the Y. M. C. A.

Following his address, Mr. Hartness urged the audience to take the messages home spread them among their friends and their campaign leaders, and that Vermont may exceed its quota as she has done in other campaigns.

APPRECIATE Y. M. C. A.

Barre Men in Uncle Sam's Service Pass Comments.

Just on the eve of Barre's campaign to raise its quota of the \$35,000,000 Y. M. C. A. war work fund, it is interesting to read the comments of Barre boys, now engaged in the federal service, on the part which the Y. M. C. A. is playing in army life. For instance, a Barre boy who is studying in the officers' training camp at Plattsburg writes:

"To nearly every student officer at Plattsburg the Y. M. C. A. branch established there is the one big life between camp and home. It is in five structures, scattered at convenient points about the post, the Christian association does a splendid service, aiding tremendously in keeping the minds of the men in training from becoming absolutely stale."

"There are two main buildings, both quite pretentious. One is headquarters for the whole branch, and at the other, termed the Hostess house, visiting sisters, mothers and sweethearts are entertained and well fed on their brief visits to camp."

"With the exception of the Hostess house the Y. M. C. A. structures all furnish the candidate a place where he can write letters, the association supplying free of charge, paper, envelopes, pen and ink. There is also on hand plenty of reading matter consisting of all kinds of magazines and papers and a fair-sized library of current fiction."

"On week-ends the association arranges for prominent speakers and also sees that no religious sect goes without an opportunity for holding at least one service a week."

"The Y. M. C. A. furnishes entertainment for the civilian employees on the post, as well as for the soldiers, one building being set aside entirely for their use. In this are facilities for writing letters, a library and a moving picture machine. Other things the Y. M. C. A. does are numerous. It cashes checks, loans money, furnishes footballs, quills, etc., sells stamps, furnishes information, runs a lost and found bureau and performs a hundred other little services, each one adding materially to the sum total of good work the Y. M. C. A. is doing."

From Camp Devens at Ayer, Mass., where the citizen-soldiers of the New England states is being fashioned into true military form comes the following tribute to the work of the Y. M. C. A. "There is no heat in the buildings and the Y. M. C. A. is the only place we have to get warm. I consider the Y. M. C. A. the greatest blessing the soldiers have. The buildings are the most homelike of any place here. Stationery is furnished and a place to write, a victrola and records are usually in a position to be used; each building has a library and also supplies, newspapers and magazines; there are 'movies' three nights a week, there is a lecture, French class or some entertainment under the direction of the 'Y' secretaries, but often furnished by the soldiers; also there are postage stamps, postcards and a few little things on sale and telephone booths. It is also the only place where we can entertain a lady and his inside."

During a lull in the evening's performance, Drum Major James Best, one of the four minute speakers in the Y. M. C. A. campaign, spoke a few words regarding the army Y. M. C. A. campaign, which is being carried on this week. He spoke of the boys returning from the firing line and asked the audience whether they should be allowed to pine from homesickness or whether they should have the means of relaxing themselves.

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BARRE HONORED
INFANTRY BAND

Splendid Concert Given by the Vermont Infantry Musicians

"SPREAD" FOLLY IN THE K. OF HALL

Ladies Made Up in Fines for Boys to Eat on Way to Brattleboro

On the eve of its departure with the skeleton regiment from Camp Bartlett, Westfield, Mass., for an unknown destination, the 1st